

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Participation in US Communities Nationwide Purchasing Program
MEETING DATE: September 20, 2000
PREPARED BY: Finance Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City of Lodi to participate in a nationwide purchasing program sponsored by US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In November, 1991, the City Council adopted Resolution 91-217, authorizing the City's participation in a statewide purchasing program jointly sponsored by the County Supervisors Association of California and the League of California Cities.

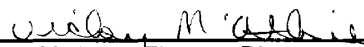
That arrangement, called the California Communities Purchasing Program, was established to provide local governments the power to purchase products and services at volume discounts normally available only through large national or regional contracts. Since 1991, the City has used Santa Clara County and Los Angeles County contracts, under California Communities sponsorship, to purchase office systems furniture and computer peripherals and software at substantial savings. We expect to continue to use those contracts where it is advantageous for us to do so.

Now US Communities, a non-profit public benefit corporation jointly sponsored by the National Association of Counties and the United States Conference of Mayors, is offering competitively-bid contracts to cities and counties across the nation through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. Contracts with Micron, Dell, IBM, CompUSA and Wareforce offer volume discounts on computer hardware and software, while contracts with other national suppliers offer significant savings on office furniture, electrical supplies, and office products.

Government Code Section 6502 authorizes the City to participate jointly with other public agencies in such a program, and Lodi City Code Section 3.20.070 allows alternative methods of procurement when such methods are in the best interest of the City. Under the program, the city would not only enjoy volume pricing, but would save the time and expense of competitive bidding on previously-bid contracts.

Additional information on California Communities and US Communities may be found on the web at www.cacommunities.com and www.uscommunities.org.

FUNDING: None required.


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APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF LODI IN THE US
COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE PURCHASING PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, in November 1991, the City Council adopted Resolution 91-217 authorizing the City's participation in a statewide purchasing program jointly sponsored by the County Supervisors Association of California and the League of California Cities; and

WHEREAS, that arrangement, called the California Communities Purchasing Program, was established to provide local governments the power to purchase products and services at volume discounts normally available only through large national or regional contracts; and

WHEREAS, since 1991 the City has used Santa Clara County and Los Angeles County contracts under California Communities sponsorship, to purchase office systems furniture and computer peripherals and software at substantial savings, and the City will continue to use these contracts where it is advantageous to do so; and

WHEREAS, US Communities, a non-profit public benefit corporation jointly sponsored by the National Association of Counties and the United States Conference of Mayors, is offering competitively-bid contracts to cities and counties across the nation through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. Contracts with Micron, Dell, IBM, CompUSA and Wareforce offer volume discounts on computer hardware and software, while contracts with other national suppliers offer significant savings on office furniture, electrical supplies, and office products; and

WHEREAS, Government Code §6502 authorizes the City to participate jointly with other public agencies in such a program, and Lodi City Code §3.20.070 allows alternative methods of procurement when such methods are in the best interest of the City. Under the program, the City would not only enjoy volume pricing, but would save the time and expense of competitive bidding on previously bid contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorizes the City of Lodi to participate in a nationwide purchasing program sponsored by US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

Dated: September 20, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-159 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held September 20, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, Pennino and Mayor Mann

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk